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tion of New Orleans and the Floridas, from whichever power still possessed them. April 10, 1803, the truce of Amiens having ended, Napoleon, fearful of an English invasion of Louisiana, proposed to turn the entire country over to the United States. Before the end of April the treaty was agreed to. In June it reached the United States. Jefferson agreed that the constitutional question must not be raised against this great opportunity. The senate adopted the treaty by a vote of 24 to 7, October 19, 1803.

Such are the facts of the story. The idea of transferring the country to the west of the Mississippi to the United States originated with Napoleon. Livingston was no less astounded by the idea when first communicated to him than was Jefferson. On the other hand, the acceptance of the treaty by the administration and party was hearty and unanimous. What arrant nonsense, then, to speak of the "Conqueror of Italy's defeat" at the hands of Livingston; and what rank unfairness to charge Jefferson and Madison with short-sightedness because in the interval preceding the arrival of the treaty to the United States, their repeated instructions to Livingston and Monroe urged the purchase of merely the territory to the east of the Mississippi. At the close of the volume are supplemental sketches of "the far-sighted statesmen chiefly, not ex-officio, instrumental in bringing about the enlargement of the nation." Jefferson is not included in this lavish dole of fame.

The book abounds in curious dicta, ranging from a sympathetic estimate of Admiral Schley to the assignment to Hamilton of the most exalted rôle in American history. Of sentimentalities of style and epithet, few remain in the ink-pot. The proof-reading and the indexing are at times eccentric.

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